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C O N F I D E N T I A L PRETORIA 3252

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E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: PINS, RH
SUBJECT: RHODESIA DETAINEES OFFICIALS OF NKOMO'S AN CZ

1. SA PRESS REPORTS TODAY THAT SMITH REGIME ON JUNE 30
ARRESTED ABOUT 100 NATIONAL AND PROVINCIAL OFFICIALS OF
NKOMO'S AFRICAN NATIONAL COUNCIL ZIMBABWE (ANCZ). THE PRESS
QUOTED ANC VICE PRESIDENT CHINAMANO AS SAYING THAT THE
ARRESTS WIPE OUT THE ORGANIZATION'S LEADERSHIP IN THE
NATIONAL EXECUTIVE, NATIONAL ASSEMBLY, AND PROVINCIAL
AND DISTRICT OFFICES. CHINAMANO SAID THAT THE ANC WAS LEFT
INTACT ONLY IN THE CENTRAL PROVINCE AROUND SALISBURY WHERE
ONE OFFICIAL WAS ARRESTED. CHINAMANO ALSO SAID IT WAS UNCER-
TAIN WHETHER ARRESTED OFFICIALS HAD BEEN DETAINED OR WERE
BEING HELD ONLY FOR QUESTIONING.

2. RHODESIAN REP HAWKINS HAS CONFIRMED THE ARRESTS TO US,
THOUGH HE DOUBTS THE NUMBER OF 100. H SAID THE ACTION IS
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THE RESULT OF THE BUILD-UP OF NKOMO FORCES IN ZAMBIA AND AN CZ
ABDUCTIONS, RECRUITMENT, ENCITEMENT AND SUBVERSION, PRIN-
CIPALLY IN MATABELELAND. HAWKINS STATD THAT SMITH HAD TO
TAKE THIS STP AFTER HAWKINS, WITH THE SUPPORT OF THE
RHODESIAN SECURITY LEADERSHIP, SUCCESSFULLY STOPPED A MOVE TO
BAN THE AN CZ, "WHICH WOULD HAVE BEEN MUCH WORSE" IN ITS EFFECT
ON THE CURRENT RHODESIA SETTLEMENT EFFORTS. (THE PRESS REPORTS

HRE REFER TO DEMANDS MADE A FEW DAYS AGO BY SMITH'S RIGHT-WING OPPOSITION FOR THE BANNING OF AN CZ.) ACCORDING TO HAWKINS, THOSE ARRESTED WERE AN CZ "BRANCH LEVEL PERSONNEL"; THE TOP LEADERSHIP HAS NOT BEEN TOUCHED. HE BELIEVES THOSE PICKED UP ARE NOW BEING SCREENED AND RELEASES ARE POSSIBLE.

3. HAWKINS RECOGNIZED AND HAD CAUTIONED SALISBURY ABOUT THE UNFORTUNATE TIMING OF THE MOVE AND PARTICULARLY THE POSSIBLE EFFECT ON OAU CONSIDERATION AT LIBREVILLE OF THE POPULAR FRONT ENDORSEMENT ISSUE.
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